

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of the Petitions)
of Pan Pacific Fisheries, Van)
Camp Sea Food Company and Star-)
Kist Foods, Inc., to Review)
Actions by the California)
Regional Water Quality Control)
Board, Los Angeles Region.)

Order No. WQ 74-20

BY THE BOARD:

On March 30, 1973, Star-Kist Foods, Inc., Pan Pacific Fisheries, and Van Camp Sea Food Company (Petitioners) submitted petitions to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) requesting review of Orders Nos. 73-20, 73-21, 73-22, and 73-23 of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board). Orders Nos. 73-20 and 73-21 applied to Plants Nos. 1 and 4, respectively, of Star-Kist Foods, Inc.

Regional Board Orders Nos. 73-20 through 73-23 expired by their own terms on August 31, 1974. On August 19, 1974, the Regional Board adopted revised NPDES permits for each of the discharges covered by Orders Nos. 73-20 through 73-23.

The NPDES permits adopted August 19, 1974, were based upon final EPA Guidelines for the Canned and Preserved Seafood Industry promulgated June 26, 1974.

Promulgation of the final EPA Guidelines had been anticipated at a considerably earlier date, and since the major thrust of the canneries' petitions was that effluent constituent

Levels set by the Regional Board were not attainable, it was decided to delay any decision on the petitions until promulgation of EPA's final Guidelines.

Once these Guidelines were promulgated, rapid adoption of revised permits by the Regional Board was necessary to meet the August 31, 1974, date on which Permits Nos. 73-20 through 73-23 were to expire.

Inasmuch as the NPDES permits which were the subject of petitioners' request for review are no longer in effect, the question of the appropriateness or propriety of the Regional Board's action in adopting those permits has become moot.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the petitions of
Star-Kist Foods, Inc., Pan Pacific Fisheries and Van Camp
Sea Food Company be dismissed.

Dated: OCT 17 1974

ABSENT

W. W. Adams, Chairman

Ronald B. Robie

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Roy E. Dodson

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